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## **It's Beginning to Look A lot Like the Holiday Shopping Season! Are you ready?**

**Glendale, Ariz.** – The Glendale Police Department would like to remind everyone to be alert, patient and mindful of safety during the quickly approaching holiday shopping season. The holidays can be a stressful and busy time. Let us offer some crime prevention tips to help keep the holidays safe and enjoyable for you and your entire family!

### **Holiday Safety Shopping Tips**

- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk before you park, never after you park. Thieves may be watching.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- If possible, shop in groups of two or more.
- If you are elderly and alone, ask for an escort to your vehicle.
- Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Carry purses next to your body with the purse flap against you. Carry wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.

- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.
- Pay particular attention while driving in crowded parking lots or while walking to and from your car, as both vehicle and pedestrian traffic increases.
- Don't drive or walk distracted. Don't text while doing either, even in parking lots.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call **911** to report it police immediately.

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